

DoD Deploys Effective Info Sharing to Address Cyber Vulnerabilities

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When a U.S. federal jury convicted Noshir Gowadia of spying for the People's Republic of China in August, it marked a victory for several U.S. investigative agencies. During their evidence gathering, these groups were supported by three years of assistance from another organization? [the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center](#) [4] (DC3). Comprising the Defense Industrial Base Collaborative Information Sharing Environment (DCISE), Department of Defense Cyber Crime Institute, Defense Cyber Investigations Training Academy, National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force Analytic Group and the Department of Defense Computer Forensics Laboratory, the military center has a special focus on computer forensics to assist its various customers and clients.

Steven Shirley, executive director of DC3, explains that his people focus on helping Defense Department law enforcement, counterterrorism and counterintelligence personnel as well as network defenders with digital forensics issues. As it has grown since its inception in 1998, the center also has developed initiatives to enhance these capabilities. In 2005, DC3 released the National Repository for Digital Forensics Intelligence, which now connects approximately 600 law enforcement organizations that have some level of digital forensics expertise. Shirley says the goal is to share best practices and tools among the various groups.

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